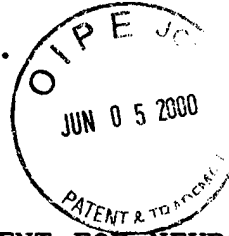


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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June 5, 2000

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find copies of documents cited in the specification of the above-identified application and/or in the International Search Report in connection with PCT/JP98/03980, of which the present application is a national stage application filed under 35 USC 371.

Noting that June 3, 2000 was a Saturday, it is respectfully submitted that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted on the first business day after June 3, 2000, which was the three-month date from the filing date of the United States national stage application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

In any event, it is respectfully submitted that these documents are being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, so that, for this reason also, the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

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Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form

PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents.

All of the enclosed documents are in English.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all requirements of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the presently submitted documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application on the merits, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 506.38266X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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